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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Christopher T. Zirps et al.  
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Title: ENDOSCOPIC BAND LIGATOR  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2005. The shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on April 24, 2005. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a 3-month extension of time, which extends the period for response to July 25, 2005 (July 24<sup>th</sup> being a Sunday).

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.